

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 35 and 38 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend the remaining claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A molding for positioning along a corner formed by an intersection of wall and a floating floor, the molding having a longitudinal axis and comprising a core formed from compressed wood particles and a binder therefor; and, a surface formed of a thermosetting resin and a decor sheet; said molding having a generally planar floating floor engaging surface and a wall-engaging surface, positioned substantially perpendicular to the floating floor engaging surface; a pad coupled to positioned along the floating-floor engaging surface, the pad formed of a material different from the core;
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wherein, the pad resiliently creates a substantially moisture-tight seal so as to prevent moisture from seeping between said floor and said molding when the molding is in an installed position.
2. (Previously Presented) The molding as in claim 1, further comprising an adhesive positioned on the pad and configured to engage the floating floor when the molding is in the installed position.
3. (Previously Presented) The molding as in claim 1, further comprising a wall-engaging surface, and apertures in the wall engaging surface to allow a connector to pass therethrough, the connector fastening the molding to the corner when the molding is in the installed position.
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5. (Previously Presented) The molding as in claim 3, further comprising an intermediate surface connecting the wall-engaging surface and the floating-floor engaging surface.

6. (Previously Presented) The molding as in claim 5, wherein the intermediate surface is angled so that the wall, floating floor, and intermediate surface form a generally triangular shape in a plane transverse to the longitudinal axis.

7. (Previously Presented) The molding as in claim 3, further comprising a face on the molding and positioned to face outwardly from the corner.

8. (Currently Amended) The molding as in claim 7, wherein the face comprises is one of at least one curved section or flat.

9. (Previously Presented) The molding as in claim 1, wherein the pad is positioned distal a front edge of the floating floor engaging surface, wherein the front edge of the floating floor engaging surface is distal the corner.

10. (Previously Presented) The molding as in claim 1, wherein the molding has a generally uniform cross-section at planes transverse to the longitudinal axis.

11. (Previously Presented) The molding as in claim 1, wherein the pad is formed of a material that is a resilient material made from one of a closed-cell foamed plastic material or an open cell, foamed plastic material.

12. (Previously Presented) The molding as in claim 1, further comprising a hollow formed in the pad.

13. (Previously Presented) A method of installing the molding as in claim 1, comprising applying glue to the pad immediately before placing the molding in the installed condition.

14. (Previously Presented) The molding according to claim 1, wherein the pad includes a preformed layer of adhesive; and wherein, a removable film covers the adhesive.

15. (Previously Presented) The combination of a floating floor and a molding as set forth in claim 1.

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27. (Currently Amended) A method of preventing moisture from seeping into a gap between a floating floor and a molding, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a molding comprising a core, formed of compressed wood particles and a binder, a floating-floor engaging surface, and a pad, the pad being coupled to the floating-floor engaging surface, the pad being formed from a material different from the core; and

installing the a molding into contact with the floating floor, the molding being provided with a pad positioned to contact the floating floor.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the pad comprises a resilient material that is one of a closed cell foamed plastic or an open-cell foamed plastic.

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30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the molding is installed between the floating floor and a wall.

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32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, further comprising the step of: applying a sealant to first and second ends of the molding, the first and second ends being positioned at opposite ends of a longitudinal axis of the molding.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the sealant is a silicone sealant.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, including the step of compressing the pad when said molding is installed in contact with the floating floor.

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36. (Previously Presented) The molding of claim 1, wherein the core is formed from one selected from the group consisting of high density fiberboard and medium density fiberboard.

37. (Currently Amended) A molding for forming a moisture resistant seal between a floating floor and a wall, the molding comprising:

a core, formed from compressed wood particles and a binder, comprising at least one decorative surface,

a floating-floor engaging surface and a wall engaging surface;

the at least one decorative surface comprising:

a thermosetting resin and a décor sheet; and

a resilient pad, coupled affixed to the molding, the pad being formed from a material different from said core.

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39. (Currently Amended) The molding of claim 37 38, wherein the core is formed from high density fiberboard or medium density fiberboard.

40. (Currently Amended) The molding of claim 37, ~~further comprising a wall engaging surface and a floor engaging surface~~, wherein the pad is adjacent to the floating-floor engaging surface.

41. (Previously Presented) A method of forming a moisture tight seal between a floating floor and a wall, comprising:

positioning the molding of claim 37 at an intersection of the floating floor and the wall.

42. (Previously Presented) The method according to 41, comprising applying an adhesive to the pad before installing the molding.

43. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 41, comprising compressing the pad.

44. (Currently Amended) The molding as in claim 1, wherein said décor sheet comprises at least one of a color and/or a pattern complementary to an upper surface of the floating floor.

45. (New) The molding as in claim 7, wherein the face comprises at least one flat section.

46. (New) The molding of claim 45, wherein the face comprises at least one flat section and at least one curved section.